

# THE HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND ITS INTERESTS

## WOMAN'S INQUIRY COLUMN

Letters to the Woman's Inquiry Column are invited. They should be addressed to Editor Woman's Inquiry Column, Washington Times, and should reach the office before Saturday to insure an answer the following week. Each letter must bear the full and correct signature and the address of the sender, not for publication, but merely as an evidence of good faith. Unsigned letters received will be ignored.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:  
1. Inform me how to clean a white lace hat.  
2. And how to make hot-cross buns.  
3. What is the right way to pronounce "matinee"? ANXIOUS.

1. I should take the hat to a cleaner. It would be a great risk to attempt to clean it yourself, though you might improve its appearance by covering it with magnesia, allowing it to remain for a day, and then brushing out with a soft, clean brush.  
2. Hot-cross buns—To three cups of milk add four enough to make a thick batter. Into this stir one cake of compressed yeast dissolved in a little warm water; set this to rise over night. In the morning add three spoonfuls of melted butter, one-half spoonful of grated nutmeg, one saltspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of soda, and flour enough to make a stiff dough-like biscuit. Knead well and let it rise five hours; roll to one-half inch thickness, cut in round cakes and put in buttered pans. Let stand till light. Make a deep gash in each with a knife, bake in a modern oven till light brown. Brush over with the beaten white of an egg and powdered sugar.  
3. Mat-na, with the accent on the last syllable, the e sounded as a in fate.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:  
Publish a recipe for making yellow ivory white. X. X.

Ivory may be whitened by rubbing with finely powdered pumice stone and water, and exposing it to the sun while still wet, repeating the process until a proper effect is produced. In the case of piano keys, which cannot be removed, the polishing process will be found the best. This is done with pumice powder and water, with a rubber made of felt, and afterward rubbed with dry whiting; then polish with a dry, soft, white cloth.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:  
1. Give me the hair tonic which you recommend and directions for using.  
2. How is almond meal used when required as a substitute for soap?  
3. Is green soap injurious to the skin? C. W.

1. Sulphate of quinine, 20 grains; alcoholic tincture of cantharides, 2 drams; extract of jaborandi, 2 drams; Jamaica rum, 2 drams; glycerine, 1 ounce; bay rum, 6 ounces; elderflower water, enough to make one pint. Wet the scalp all over, and rub in well with the finger tips until the scalp is in a glow; use every night for two weeks, afterward about twice a week.  
2. Four a little in the palm of the hand, after moistening the hands with warm water, and rub as if using soap. Then rinse.  
3. It is very drying, and is only recommended in stubborn cases of blackheads, when it is used in conjunction with witch hazel, or rose water, and immediately washed off with hot water.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:  
As my work requires standing all day, the skin hardens at the sides of my feet, which causes me pain. Let me know what will cure it.  
2. Let me know of a good massage cream and where to get it.  
3. I was told that there is a cream that is put on the face, and powder on top of it, when going out. Let me know if true; also, where I can get it.  
4. Let me know if cucumber juice whitens the skin. How can I obtain it? H. S.

1. I am told that this is an excellent remedy for all callous places on the feet: Bathe the feet in hot water, in which is dissolved a little

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The touch of feminization in masculine styles is nowhere more noticeable than in the new plaided shirt bosom. The wicks in the shirts for evening wear are very fine and carefully laid. There are fifty of the fine tucks in the average shirt bosom.

Violet will be a popular color in the accessories for men's wardrobes, and will be especially favored as a complement of the green garments to be found in the smart wardrobe.

The mania for bright colors will find expression in the fancy band of that style which is known as the boater in England and the yacht hat on this side of the Atlantic.

One conservative note appears in the Easter modes for men—that is the disappearance of the stiff, lengthwise crease in one's trousers, which for the past twenty years almost has been indispensable.

Yacht hats will have crowns two and three-quarter inches in height, and their brims will vary from two and a eighth to two and a half inches in width.

### For the Housewife.

Economize the gas by cooking more than one thing at a time in the oven. For instance, when muffins are baking for breakfast rice or apples for dinner can be baking underneath if covered with an asbestos lid, first covering the food with a clean white paper.

White tissue paper is invaluable to the traveler, as it will wipe away the greasy look on the face better than soap and water.

Gas companies often put more pressure than is necessary on the gas, thereby forcing through the meter more gas than is required, which results, of course, in a larger gas bill for the consumer. I find by removing the gas tip and inserting a small piece of cotton, then replacing the tip, the pressure is removed and when the gas is lighted a soft, even light is obtained. By experimenting the exact amount of cotton necessary is easily determined. We fixed all the burners in this way and find our gas bills are reduced at least a quarter.

A clean firebrick is more satisfactory as an iron stand than the ordinary piece of Niagara castiron, which not only admits the air to the bottom of the iron, but conducts the heat from it. Being a non-conductor of heat, the brick retains the heat in the smoothing iron.

Never have your rugs or carpets beaten by hand if you can avoid it. Send them to a steam carpet cleaner. The newest and best carpets suffer by being beaten, even if they do not show it immediately, for the beating strains the threads, loosens the warp, and starts general disintegration.

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X.

Dear Jack:

It was awfully good of you to take that trip to Los Angeles. I know you did it so as not to meet the Hunsickers, and I appreciate it really. It is horrid to have a desire to avoid one's friends, and I know it was my fault to bring such an unpleasantness into your life, and I am sorry, dear. Repentance always seemed to me a rather tame virtue, but such as it is I am feeling its pangs. But in spite of my repentance under the same circumstances I should do the same thing. It is only that the same circumstances could not occur again. We have each learned our lesson, and if you loved and married again, you would let your wife know you loved her, and you two would be more loving and happy possibly because of this mistake of ours. But it would not have been right for me to keep on living with you feeling as I did. The person who sins is he who does what he doesn't want to. A man writes a book and knows that it is pure rot, but it catches on to the public, so he writes more in the same strain, although he wants to, and can write, better—he sins.

You and Marian are the ones who have to suffer for my folly. She could not see the Hunsickers either, and Laura asked Gilbert, two or three times after her. I am glad she asked him instead of me, for it is so silly of him. I am willing he should be made as uncomfortable as possible.

Whenever anything of this kind happens and Gilbert feels it his duty to deny Marian a pleasure because of her anomalous position, as he is pleased to call it, he immediately returns to the subject of the automobile and seems to think I can make it up to her by letting him take her to ride with him. He says it is her heart's desire, and although I tell him it is one word for her and two for himself, still sometimes I think I am foolish to be so stubborn. Yet on the other hand it is wrong for Gilbert to be so persistent, for if anything did happen he never could face me and—it makes me cold to think of it—I never should want to see him again.

Marian is such a happy little soul that she does not really want to go if it would grieve me, but Gilbert wants to take her to prove it is perfectly safe. Then in time he thinks I will be willing to join them. I know my fear is unreasonable, for he is a very careful chauffeur, but it is there—this haunting horror, and I cannot get it.

Yesterday I went with Maisie Carter to help her in her class in the industrial school. They have a scarcity of teachers just now, so I offered my assistance. As usual, they must have given me the worst end of the outfit, for Maisie's children were as quiet and meek as lambs, while mine chattered away like a nest of young magpies. One little Jewish maiden had just finished a bright pink dress for herself, and having it on, was very anxious that teacher should admire it. So she stood up and twisted about in her regal splendor, and when I remarked on its prettiness, said:

"Yes; I could go on the stage if I wanted to. I know a man in 'Othello'."

"What could you play in 'Othello'?" I queried. "Desdemona?"

"No. Now listen! You know I-a-go (this she pronounced as it is spelled), he passed round cake at my mother's wedding. He comes to our house often, and he asked me if I would like to be a soubrette in some company with him. I asked father and he said he'd rather see me dead."

At this awful climax she plumped herself down in her seat and smirked round on the audience too funny for words. Sometimes I think these poor people with their funny speeches and easy-going manners are much happier than we are. Poor little mortals! They are so self-satisfied. Self-satisfied! That is a trait I wish could be cultivated by

Yours, ALIDA.

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